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In the Spotlight

Heritage - By Jean-Gabriel Fredet

The Triumphant Return of the Champs-Élysées

Abandoned by locals and awash with tourists and international retailers, the world's most beautiful avenue is refusing to become the Paris equivalent of Times Square. Made famous by cultural references such as the movie *Breathless* starring Jean Seberg and Jean-Paul Belmondo, it is now getting a makeover in the run-up to the 2024 Olympic Games. > [Read more](#)



Le grand comeback des Champs-Élysées

Délaissée par les Parisiens, envahie par les touristes et les enseignes internationales, la plus belle avenue du monde – notamment immortalisée dans le film *A bout de souffle* avec Jean Seberg et Jean-Paul Belmondo – refuse de devenir l'équivalent parisien de Times Square. Et fait peau neuve en préparation des Jeux olympiques. > [Lire la suite](#)

In the footsteps of Lafayette in France

From June 1-8, 2024,
travel with the French hero
of the American Revolution.



Our Selection of the Week



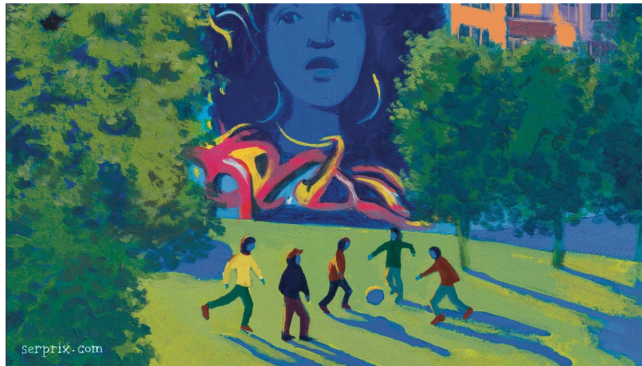
Book Review - By Sophie Joubert

Pascale Robert-Diard: Autopsy of a Lie

The French journalist and legal expert holds a mirror up to society in her disquieting debut novel. *The Little Liar* was shortlisted for the 2022 Prix Goncourt and was published in English this week. [> Read more](#)

Pascale Robert-Diard : autopsie d'un mensonge

La journaliste du *Monde* et autrice de plusieurs ouvrages sur la justice interroge l'époque dans un premier roman déroutant, *La Petite Menteuse*, finaliste du prix Goncourt en 2022 et traduit en anglais cette semaine. [> Lire la suite](#)



The Wordsmith - By Dominique Mataillet

Singing the *Banlieue* Blues

From unemployment and poverty to crime and riots, the towns around France's major cities seem to be no-go-zones and a focal point for the nation's main social problems. But is this the whole story? [> Read more](#)

En passant par la banlieue

Chômage, pauvreté, délinquance, émeutes... Les périphéries des grandes villes françaises, concentrées de tous les problèmes sociaux, paraissent infréquentables. Qu'en est-il réellement ? [> Lire la suite](#)

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From the Archives: 2011



Black History Month - By Christelle Gérard

Bessie Coleman: Black Wings Over France

On June 15, 1921, Bessie Coleman became the world's first Black woman pilot. At a time when no school in America was ready to admit a colored student, she earned her license from Le Crotoy in Northern France. [> Read more](#)

Bessie Coleman : les ailes noires en France

Le 15 juin 1921, Bessie Coleman devenait la première pilote noire de l'histoire. A une

époque où aucune école américaine n'acceptait d'élève de couleur, elle a obtenu son brevet au Crotoy, dans le nord de la France. > [Lire la suite](#)



Come on Out



Cécile McLorin Salvant

The French-American singer, who was recognized by the MacArthur Foundation in 2020, is currently touring the U.S. in support of her seventh album, the 2024 Grammy-nominated *Mélusine*, inspired by a mythical figure half woman, half fish or serpent.



Fashioning San Francisco

A Century of Style, opening on January 20 at the de Young Museum, chronicles the role and influence of high-end womenswear in the "Paris of the Pacific." Among the more than 50 designers represented are Pierre Balmain, Christian Lacroix, and Jean Paul Gaultier

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